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DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

28. (New) A bone anchor insertion device, comprising:

a handle;

a first snare for receiving a suture loop; and

a second snare for receiving the suture loop from ~~said first snare~~ ^{said first snare.} STANFORD UNIVERSITY 00000003 135135 10077574

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29. (New) The bone anchor insertion device as recited in Claim 28, wherein said
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first snare is relatively short and said second snare is relatively long.